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In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the Requirement for Restriction is improper for at least the reasons stated, and request that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn and all filed claims (i.e., 1-51) be examined on the merits.

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Should a telephone conference facilitate prosecution in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

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An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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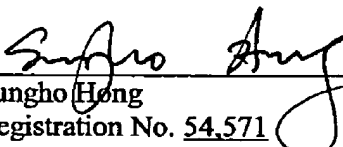
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